

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois	}	
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Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience	}	
and Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of	}	
the Illinois Public Utilities Act, and an Order	}	
pursuant to Section 8-503 of the Public Utilities	}	Case No.: 12-0598
Act, to Construct, Operate and Maintain a New	}	
High Voltage Electric Service Line and Related	}	
Facilities in the Counties of Adams, Brown, Cass,	}	
Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Edgar,	}	
Fulton, Macon, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie,	}	
Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, and Shelby,	}	
Illinois.	}	

**SUR-REBUTTAL TESTIMONY ON REHEARING
OF**

STEVEN J. LAZORCHAK, P.E., CEM

Intervenor MSSCLPG Exhibit 14.0

1 **SUR-REBUTTAL TESTIMONY ON REHEARING OF STEVEN J. LAZORCHAK, P.E., CEM**

2 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.**

3 A. Steven J. Lazorchak. 15322 Buckley Road, Marion, Illinois 62959.

4 **Q. DID YOU PREVIOUSLY OFFER DIRECT AND REBUTTAL TESTIMONY ON**
5 **REHEARING IN THIS CASE WHICH WAS MARKED AS INTERVENOR**
6 **MSSCLPG EXHIBITS 12.0 AND 13.0 RESPECTIVELY?**

7 A. Yes I did.

8 **Q. HAVE YOU REVIEWED THE DIRECT AND REBUTTAL TESTIMONY ON**
9 **REHEARING WHICH HAS BEEN FILED IN THIS MATTER BY COMMISSION**
10 **STAFF AND BY ATXI?**

11 A. Yes I have.

12 **Q. FROM AN ENGINEERING PERSPECTIVE, AFTER REVIEWING THE DIRECT**
13 **AND REBUTTAL TESTIMONY ON REHEARING WHICH HAS BEEN FILED IN**
14 **THIS MATTER BY COMMISSION STAFF AND BY ATXI, HAVE YOU BEEN**
15 **ABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY JUSTIFICATION FOR SELECTION OF THE**
16 **REBUTTAL RECOMMENDED ROUTE OVER THE MSCLTF ROUTE?**

17 A. No. I can find no such justification from an engineering perspective.

18 **Q. AFTER REVIEWING THE DIRECT AND REBUTTAL TESTIMONY ON**
19 **REHEARING WHICH HAS BEEN FILED IN THIS MATTER BY COMMISSION**
20 **STAFF AND BY ATXI, DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION?**

21 A. Yes I do. And none of this deviates at all from any of the testimony I have filed previously
22 in this matter. If anything, my opinion that the MSCLTF Route should be the routing option

23 chosen for the segment of the Project from Meredosia to Pawnee, Illinois, has only been
24 bolstered. The following should serve as a bit of a summation of my prior testimony. The
25 engineering process (in this case the selection of the optimal route for the 345 kV segment
26 of transmission line between Meredosia and Pawnee) includes a variety of realistic
27 constraints, such as economic factors, safety, reliability, aesthetics, ethics, and social impact.
28 The economic factors, in particular the “least-cost” approach, should be commensurate with
29 good engineering practice, Illinois Commerce Commission and MISO mandated, and should
30 be of particular import to the shareholders of ATXI as it is a significant financial contributor
31 to this Project. There can be a distinction drawn between “least initial dollar cost” and
32 “least-cost means,” which would take into account factors beyond the initial costs of design,
33 construction, and operation, but no such evidence has been presented to date that would
34 justify an initial expenditure of approximately \$36.78 million more to construct the Rebuttal
35 Recommended Route as opposed to the MSCLTF Route.

36 **Q. DID YOU TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE REBUTTAL TESTIMONY FILED**
37 **IN THIS CASE BY COMMISSION STAFF WITNESS GREG ROCKROHR?**

38 A. Yes I did. I particularly took into consideration his rebuttal testimony at lines 71 - 82. It
39 appears to me that the MSCLTF Route (now advocated by MSSCLPG) would not be
40 opposed by any of the intervenors in this matter.

41 **Q. IN YOUR OPINION, HAS ANY TESTIMONY BEEN OFFERED IN THIS CASE**
42 **FROM AN ENGINEERING STANDPOINT THAT WOULD JUSTIFY**
43 **CONSTRUCTION OF THE LINE AT AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$36.78 MILLION**
44 **AND OVER A ROUTE THAT IS 18.2 MILES LONGER, AS WOULD BE THE CASE**

45 **IF THE REBUTTAL RECOMMENDED ROUTE WERE CHOSEN OVER THE**
46 **MSCLTF ROUTE?**

47 A. There is certainly nothing in the record that would justify the expenditure of the additional
48 \$36.78 million for a much (18.2 miles) longer line.

49 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

50 A. Yes, it does.